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- 1. A relatively small group of prominent individuals are reported by source to control Ismet Indeni, President of Turkey, the People's Republican Party, and, through these, the country as a whole. This group meets in a residence next door to that of the Prime Hinister at Cankaya (as of the date of information, the Prime Himister was Hasan Saka). Source claims that this group has been responsible for publicly branding as Communists certain persons whom they cannot control. Among those who have been so treated are Larshal Fevzi Çakrak, Kenan Oner, Hikmet Bayur, and Tevfik Rustu Aras.
- The group referred to above is reported to consist of the following individuals:
 - a. The Prime Minister (as of date of information, Hasan Saka, now Semsettin Gunaltay).
 - b. The Chief of Staff, Col. General Salih Omurtak.
 - c. The Chief of the Turkish National Security Service, Naci Perkel.
 - d. The Chief of the Democratic Party, Celal Bayar. Bayar's membership in this group is a very closely-guarded secret, known only to two of his Democratic Party assistants, source claims.

Deputy of Seyhan e. Hilmi Uran Deputy of Erzurum Covat Dursunoglu Fazil Serefettin Burge Deputy of Kocaeli Deputy of Kirsehir Sahir Kurutluoglu Deputy of Konya Luhsin Adil Binal

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